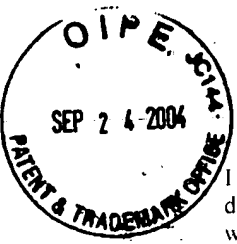


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For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD
WITH TRACK WIDTH
RESTRICTING GROOVE FORMED
TO FULLY REACH LOWER CORE
LAYER, AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD FOR THE SAME

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.